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To: EMS Service Chiefs and Coordinators

From: Jason M. Rhodes, Chief of EMS

Date: January 20, 2017

Re: RI Statewide EMS Protocols 2017.02

2017 RI EMS Ambulance and Ambulance Service Licensure and Inspection Manual

1. The Center for Emergency Medical Services (CEMS) is releasing version 2017.02 of the 2017 RI Statewide Emergency Medical Services Protocols. The bulk of the edits in this version are in response to feedback provided to the CEMS and are related to typographical errors, unintentional omissions or areas requiring clarity. Also being released is a corresponding edit tracking document. This document details all edits contained in versions 0.01 and 0.02 of the original release version of the 2017 RI Statewide EMS Protocols. Previous versions (v.0.00 and v.0.01) of the 2017 RI Statewide EMS Protocols should be updated or discarded and replaced with version 2017.02.

EMS providers are responsible for maintaining knowledge of all edits, deletions or additions to the content of the currently effective EMS treatment protocols. Accordingly, please update your personal electronic or paper copy of the 2017 RI Statewide EMS Protocols.

The CEMS does not anticipate the need for further major editing of the 2017 RI Statewide EMS Protocols. The CEMS is greatly appreciative of the EMS providers who took the time to communicate areas of the protocols areas of the protocols in need of editing or clarification.

Again, the most recent version of the *RI Statewide EMS Protocols* is 2017.02.

2. Also being released is the 2017 version of the <u>RI EMS Ambulance and Ambulance Service Licensure and Inspection Manual</u>, which reflects changes to coincide with the 2017 RI Statewide Emergency Medical Services Protocols. Thanks are again extended to the RI Ambulance Service Coordinating Advisory Board for their diligent work to assist in this process.